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14 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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16 AUSTRALIA PTY LTD.,

17 Plaintiffs,

18 v.

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CORPORATION,

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**DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO
PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO ENFORCE
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

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1 Defendants Light & Wonder, Inc., LNW Gaming, Inc., and SciPlay Corporation (“L&W”)
2 hereby file this Opposition to Plaintiffs Aristocrat Technologies, Inc. and Aristocrat Technologies
3 Australia Pty Ltd.’s (“Aristocrat’s”) Motion to Enforce the Preliminary Injunction (“Motion”), ECF
4 No. 158.

INTRODUCTION

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6 Since the Court issued its preliminary injunction, L&W has conducted a global effort in a
7 short amount of time to not only remove Dragon Train from casinos, but to purge the company’s
8 global systems of Dragon Train math materials. Aristocrat does not take issue with L&W’s
9 compliance with the core of the order, such as ceasing Dragon Train commercialization and
10 remediating Dragon Train math model documentation. Instead, Aristocrat complains about issues
11 on the peripheries. Despite L&W’s overly-inclusive search protocol, its continued willingness to
12 revise its injunction compliance protocol, and the extremely broad discovery L&W is providing in
13 parallel with the steps required by the injunction, Aristocrat is focused on bringing *some* dispute to
14 the Court.
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17 This Court should deny Aristocrat’s motion for two reasons. First, L&W has complied with
18 the preliminary injunction. Despite significant logistical difficulties and a short timeframe for
19 compliance, L&W worked to remove thousands of Dragon Train units from casinos around the
20 globe. Using a team of outside data consultants, L&W also scoured dozens of servers and file
21 repositories to remove Dragon Train files so that employees would no longer have access to them.
22 And, as it did all this, L&W prepared detailed accountings of the documents and disclosures it
23 identified so that Aristocrat and the Court could understand its review.
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25 Second, confirming perfection at a global enterprise level is impossible, which is why the
26 standard is “substantial compliance” with an injunction—not “perfect” compliance. No search can
27 guarantee perfection, and to search even more broadly than L&W already has would require taking
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1 active servers offline and out of business use for extended periods, collecting and duplicating
2 documents across systems of a global company, waiting months for tools to process and index
3 company files for search term functionality, and investing vast resources and months of personnel
4 review time to review any search hit. Given such impossibilities and the realities of global IT
5 infrastructure, issues sometimes arise on the peripheries of injunction compliance, but those are not
6 grounds for an unnecessary motion to “enforce” so long as a party is not intentionally evading
7 compliance and endeavors to remedy those issues. Moreover, discovery is ongoing in this case and,
8 as counsel for L&W completes review of electronically stored information (“ESI”) collections,
9 counsel will of course adjust the scope of all injunction compliance efforts if necessary. Indeed,
10 one such instance occurred recently. **REDACTED**
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16 **REDACTED**. As a result, L&W’s proactive approach obviates the need for court

17 intervention. This Court should deny Aristocrat’s motion because there is no legal basis to coerce
18 enforcement of an injunction with which L&W is already complying.

BACKGROUND**I. The District Court Issued an Injunction Relating to Dragon Train’s Alleged Misappropriation of Trade Secrets from Dragon Link and Lightning Link**

22 On September 23, 2024, this Court entered an order granting Aristocrat’s motion for a
23 preliminary injunction (the “Order” or “Preliminary Injunction”). ECF No. 125. The Court held
24 that Aristocrat was likely to succeed on the merits of its claim that L&W misappropriated certain
25 aspects of Aristocrat’s Dragon Link and Lightning Link games in the development of L&W’s
26 Dragon Train game. *Id.* at 16.
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1 The Order imposes three categories of requirements on L&W. First, it enjoined L&W “from
2 using or disclosing any of Plaintiffs’ trade secrets (as described in this Order) or other confidential
3 and proprietary information relating to the mathematical design of Dragon Link and Lightning Link
4 (‘Plaintiffs’ Trade Secrets’).” *Id.* at 20. The Preliminary Injunction also covered “any continued or
5 planned sale, leasing, or other commercialization of Dragon Train,” L&W’s game. *Id.* Second, the
6 Court ordered L&W to identify, isolate, and provide an accounting of all documents and materials
7 in its possession reflecting those trade secrets. And third, the Order required L&W to provide an
8 accounting describing every instance in which L&W has disclosed Plaintiffs’ trade secrets. *Id.* at
9 20–21.

11 With respect to “Plaintiffs’ Trade Secrets,” the Court defined that term by reference to
12 Dragon Link and Lightning Link. *See* ECF No. 125 at 2 (“At the core of this suit is Aristocrat’s
13 belief that L&W’s Dragon Train was developed using Dragon Link game math that it acquired
14 through the hiring of Ms. Emma Charles.”). The alleged trade secrets consist of certain
15 mathematical values, statistical choices, and backend slot machine calculations, but they all fall
16 within the umbrella of Dragon Link and Lightning Link. Indeed, the two declarations cited by the
17 Court from Matthew Deitz and Olaf Vancura solely discuss Aristocrat’s trade secrets in relation to
18 Dragon Link and Lightning Link. *See id.* at 5–6 (describing the declarations of Dietz and Vancura
19 as sources of the Court’s understanding of the trade secrets); *see also* ECF No. 52-1 at Appx. 93–
20 98 (¶¶ 22–28), 122–23, 134–40 (¶¶ 35–53).

23 **II. L&W Undertook Comprehensive Efforts to Comply with the Order**

24 Since the Court entered the injunction, L&W has worked diligently to comply with it,
25 developing its compliance plan as soon as the Order issued.¹ L&W retained experienced external
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27 ¹ L&W noticed an appeal of the Preliminary Injunction order, but withdrew that notice and has
28 focused instead on compliance. *See* ECF Nos. 129 & 138 (notice of appeal); 148 (voluntary
dismissal of appeal).

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1 consultants. It convened meetings of IT specialists skilled in forensic document collection. And it
2 came up with solutions. When L&W was unclear about what the Order required, it sought
3 clarification. *See* ECF No. 132. When L&W realized compliance would take longer due to external
4 factors beyond its control, it timely asked for an extension. *See* ECF No. 118.

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6 All of these facts point in the same direction: L&W has acted in good faith and fulfilled its
7 obligations under this Court’s order. On October 23, 2024, L&W submitted its Certification of
8 Compliance to the Court and its accounting to Aristocrat regarding its injunction compliance efforts
9 (“October 23 Certification”). ECF No. 154. As part of its certification, L&W included declarations
10 from Siobhan Lane, its Executive Vice President and CEO of Gaming, and Kevin Kealy, its Chief
11 Information Security Officer. ECF Nos. 154-1 & 154-2. Ms. Lane certified that L&W promptly
12 began working to comply with the Preliminary Injunction’s requirement as soon as it was issued.
13 *See* ECF No. 154-1 at 3–4. Mr. Kealy described L&W’s process for identifying and segregating all
14 relevant documents, as required by the Order. As described below, L&W canvassed over a thousand
15 employees, ran keyword searches across 25 servers and 47 external file repositories, and developed
16 custom scripts to identify and secure potentially relevant documents. *See id.* at 4–5. Mr. Kealy also
17 certified that “L&W is in compliance with the Court’s prohibition from using or disclosing any of
18 Plaintiffs’ claimed trade secrets identified in the . . . Order.” ECF No. 154-2 at 3.

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20 To avoid any disputes over the scope of injunction compliance, L&W intentionally adopted
21 an over-inclusive approach to document collection. Rather than just segregate Dragon Train
22 documents containing information the Court identified as an alleged Aristocrat trade secret, L&W
23 segregated all relevant math-related Dragon Train files. Given that the Court’s order (as proposed
24 by Aristocrat) described Aristocrat’s alleged trade secrets in broad terms but without reference to
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1 specific mathematical values, L&W's compliance approach saved the parties from future disputes
2 about which part of the math was purportedly a trade secret and which was not.²

3 After the October 23 Certification, L&W continued its work to comply with remaining
4 aspects of the Order and supplemented its certification and accounting on November 6 ("November
5 6 Supplemental Certification"). ECF No. 155. In addition to providing Aristocrat and the Court
6 with updated declarations from Ms. Lane and Mr. Kealy, L&W also submitted a declaration from
7 one of its outside data security consultants, James Vaughn. ECF No. 155-3. These declarations
8 described in detail L&W's data search and segregation protocols, as well as its efforts at removing
9 Dragon Train units from casinos around the world in a short period of time. As detailed below,
10 L&W's two certifications and accountings show it went to great lengths to comply with each aspect
11 of the Preliminary Injunction and satisfactorily did.
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14 **A. L&W Removed Dragon Train from the Market**

15 Immediately following the Order, L&W began removing existing Dragon Train games from
16 the market and navigating the regulatory maze associated with such a global operation. The
17 Preliminary Injunction enjoined "any continued or planned sale, lease, or other commercialization
18 of Dragon Train," which L&W interpreted to mean it was required to withdraw Dragon Train from
19 the market. ECF No. 125 at 20. That is exactly what L&W did.

20 L&W took down all online versions of Dragon Train so that they could no longer be used.
21 See ECF No. 154-1 at 4. Complying with the injunction's requirements for physical units of Dragon
22 Train proved more difficult, but L&W devised a strategy to ensure compliance. There were 2,265
23 Dragon Train units in North America, and L&W converted 2,020 to other game titles by October
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26 ² As an example, the math files containing Aristocrat's purported trade secrets concern base games
27 with five reels. Presumably even Aristocrat would not claim that a five-reel base game is its trade
28 secret. But an approach to injunction compliance that focused on mathematical values would have
required a value-by-value analysis of what Aristocrat claims is confidential and what it does not.
L&W's solution of simply segregating *all* relevant Dragon Train math documents avoided this
exercise, to Aristocrat's benefit.

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23. *Id.* at 4. For the remaining 245 units, L&W instructed the operators to physically turn them off pending conversion and certified to the Court its understanding that they did so. ECF No. 155-1 at 3. L&W undertook similar efforts in other countries. *See id.*

L&W also completely stopped work on Dragon Train and its commercialization. *See* ECF No. 154-1 at 3–4. It terminated Dragon Train’s designer on October 1, 2024, and ceased all development on current or future Dragon Train games using existing Dragon Train math. *See id.* L&W stopped shipping new orders of Dragon Train and halted all planned sales and leases of the game. *See id.*

B. L&W Implemented Multiple Search Methods to Segregate Challenged Files

L&W also developed and implemented a search protocol to identify any documents potentially containing Plaintiffs’ alleged trade secrets in the short timeframe provided by the Order. To start, L&W recruited a team of outside consultants from iDiscovery Solutions (“iDS”), a firm specializing in digital forensics and information governance, to manage the effort. *See* ECF No. 155-3 at 3. Fifty-four L&W employees joined iDS’s efforts, working virtually around the clock, to review every repository that could contain Aristocrat’s trade secrets across a global company. In sum, the team reviewed more than 25 servers and 47 file repositories across 10 countries to identify and segregate all files potentially containing the information identified in the Order. *See* ECF Nos. 154-2 at 4; 155-2 at 3.

At the outset, the team had to develop an approach to identifying files containing the alleged trade secrets in the timeframe called for by the Order. Searching file contents across an entire global company at an enterprise level was a practically and logistically infeasible way to comply with the Order. New software and new search scripts would need to be created for systems that do not natively support content-based searches. Not only would such an exercise take many months to complete—past the time by which L&W was ordered to comply with the Order—but it would also

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1 require disabling servers for extended periods of time, effectively preventing L&W from running
2 its business (which is obviously made up of far more than just Dragon Train). *See* Declaration of
3 James Vaughn (“Vaughn Decl.”), at 2. With L&W’s enterprise systems, the time for compliance,
4 and the scope of the search, L&W could not simply “control F” for, as an example, a value in a
5 Lightning Link weight table. Instead, it had to devise sophisticated solutions for this complex
6 problem.
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8 The L&W team crafted a search protocol sufficient to comply with the Preliminary
9 Injunction that could be implemented within the required time frame and satisfactorily identify the
10 information subject to the Order. As part of that protocol, L&W and its team of experts developed
11 custom scripts to conduct searches across its systems to identify files and folders containing
12 material responsive to the Order. The vast majority of these systems do not support content-based
13 searches within files, so the scripts identified files and folders across systems that hit on relevant
14 search terms. *See id.* at 2–3.
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16 The searches are time and resource intensive. Some searches across entire servers take
17 multiple days to run. On top of that, providing server permissions and troubleshooting connections
18 regularly calls for complex and bespoke solutions. *See* ECF No. 155-3 at 4. For each server and file
19 repository, L&W had to customize its searches so that they were compatible across systems. *See*
20 ECF No. 154-2 at 5.
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22 To manage these limitations, L&W, iDS, and counsel collaboratively crafted search terms
23 based on eleven phrases³ derived from investigation and fed them into their scripts to identify files
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25 ³ L&W used the following search terms: *Chi Lin*, *ChiLin*, *Dragon Link*, *Dragon Train*,
26 *DragonLink*, *DragonTrain*, *Emperor Game*, *EmperorGame*, *Forever Emperor*,
27 *ForeverEmperor*, *Golden Century*, *GoldenCentury*, *Inception*, *Khutulun*, *Lightning
28 Link*, *LightningLink*, *Sun Shots*, and *SunShots*. *See* Swanson Decl., Ex. A at 1. L&W
originally used DT as a search term for Dragon Train, *see* ECF No. 154-2 at 4–5, but dropped it by
the time of the November 6 accounting because abbreviations, such as DL, LL, and DT, produced
too many false positive hits. *See* Swanson Decl., Ex. F at 6.

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1 and folders responsive to the Order. *See* Vaughn Decl., at 2–3. To be sure, not every document
2 containing information on the Dragon Link game will have “Dragon Link” in the file name. But
3 because files tend to be organized into logical families, Dragon Link files are likely to be located
4 within a folder or file structure that, somewhere along the file pathway, says “Dragon Link.” L&W
5 segregated all files within a folder that contained one of the search terms in its name, including
6 subfolders and their contents that do not contain “Dragon Link” or any other search term in their
7 names. *See id.* So even if a certain file did not contain one of the search terms in its name, it was
8 still segregated if it was stored in a folder or file structure that did. *See id.* at 3.

10 Contrary to Aristocrat’s portrayal of L&W’s injunction compliance, broad-based searches
11 across servers were just the start of L&W’s search protocol. As the IT team reviewed the company’s
12 servers, L&W canvassed over 1,000 employees worldwide to hunt for potential material responsive
13 to the Order. *See* ECF No. 154-2 at 5. It sent around a questionnaire in which the company identified
14 the litigation and asked for employees’ help in identifying documents or materials potentially
15 subject to the Preliminary Injunction. *See* ECF Nos. 155-2 at 4; Declaration of Peter Swanson in
16 Support of Pls’ Mot. to Enforce (“Swanson Decl.”), Ex. B at 1–4. The company also convened town
17 hall meetings to inform employees about the Order and enlist their help in assuring compliance.
18 *See* Swanson Decl., Ex. A at 1–2.

20 Using this information, L&W conducted additional searches of relevant employees’ devices
21 using search tools called Tanium and Jamf, on top of the scripts it ran on servers across the
22 enterprise. *See* Vaughn Decl., at 3. The information L&W collected from its employees allowed it
23 to home in on areas most likely to contain the relevant information and fill potential gaps in its
24 broad-based server searches.

26 L&W accompanied these searches with separate investigations of individuals likely to have
27 more specific knowledge about where to find relevant information. For example, L&W devoted
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1 considerable attention to documents from Star Studio, the group at L&W that developed Dragon
2 Train. L&W segregated all Star Studio devices and provided them to a digital forensics firm in
3 Australia called Law in Order for forensic imaging. *See id.* at 3. Then, a team manually reviewed
4 all documents from Star Studio custodians that had been marked relevant in this litigation,
5 regardless of whether they were identified by search terms. L&W also interviewed employees to
6 exclude false positives from its searches and include file locations that might have relevant
7 documents. *See id.* Team managers and relevant business team members helped identify material
8 potentially responsive to the Order. And L&W convened dozens of meetings to discuss and locate
9 material that could have fallen through the cracks.

11 In total, these searches and accompanying investigations collected in excess of 35 and 40
12 *terabytes* of data.⁴ *See id.* L&W’s broad search terms allowed it to identify relevant locations on its
13 servers where Plaintiffs’ alleged trade secrets might be stored. Then L&W supplemented these
14 searches with interviews, a company-wide campaign to promote awareness and compliance, and
15 manual review of documents from the most relevant servers.

17 **C. L&W Submitted Detailed Accountings to Aristocrat**

18 To inform Aristocrat and the Court of its injunction compliance efforts, L&W submitted
19 detailed accountings “describing with specificity every document identified in its search,” and
20 “every instance in which L&W has disclosed Plaintiffs’ Trade secrets.” ECF No. 125 at 20–21.

22 L&W erred on the side of inclusion in its accountings. As part of its October 23
23 Certification, L&W submitted a spreadsheet identifying every document it had identified in its
24 search and remediated. Because its searches were conservatively designed to cover not just the

27 ⁴ To put into perspective, a single terabyte can store about 6.5 million document pages, or 1,300
28 filing cabinets of paper. *See* Dropbox, “How Much is 1 TB of Storage?” last accessed Dec. 12,
2024, at <https://www.dropbox.com/features/cloud-storage/how-much-is-1tb>.

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1 alleged trade secrets but any document related to Dragon Train, L&W's accountings ultimately
2 identified hundreds of thousands of documents. *See* LNW_033210–LNW_033273.

3 Even after the October 23 accounting, L&W had identified so many documents that, at first,
4 Aristocrat sought to clarify that L&W actually segregated all of these files. *See* Swanson Decl., Ex.
5 L at 1–2. L&W confirmed it had and explained its decision to err on the side of inclusion. *See*
6 Swanson Decl., Ex. K at 2. After Aristocrat objected to the inclusion of some publicly-available
7 files, such as Dragon Train game rules, in the accounting, L&W promptly addressed the issue in its
8 November 6 accounting by removing some entries. *See* Swanson Decl., Ex. F at 2.

10 L&W also provided a complete accounting of disclosures of Plaintiffs' alleged trade secrets.
11 L&W separately accounted for all external disclosures it had discovered, as well as certain internal
12 disclosures that had emerged in its review. But because L&W's thorough accounting of its search
13 for Plaintiffs' alleged trade secrets would capture other internal employees' access and
14 dissemination of those secrets within the company, it complied with the requirement to produce an
15 accounting of "disclosures" by directing Plaintiffs to the "search" accounting, which contained all
16 of the relevant information. *See id.* at 2.

18 **III. Discovery Is Ongoing, and L&W Continues to Comply with the Injunction in Good**
19 **Faith.**

20 Discovery in this case is ongoing—especially document review—and the parties continue
21 to learn of additional, relevant facts that relate to the alleged trade secrets. As a result, there are
22 limitations inherent to complying with a preliminary injunction while the underlying case continues
23 to evolve. L&W designed its compliance protocol around facts present at the time of the
24 Preliminary Injunction. Nevertheless, because L&W takes its compliance with the injunction
25 seriously—as shown by the substantial resources, employee time, and enterprise costs expended—
26 L&W is continuing to supplement and modify its protocols as new facts emerge.
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1 L&W has already taken steps on its own to update its injunction compliance steps as new
2 facts emerged. REDACTED

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L&W's efforts are ongoing, and it will update
Aristocrat if it discovers additional information.

ARGUMENT

26 Aristocrat does not explicitly style its motion as one for civil contempt, but that is the
27 framework through which courts typically enforce orders like the preliminary injunction here. *See*
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1 *California Dep't of Soc. Servs. v. Leavitt*, 523 F.3d 1025, 1033 (9th Cir. 2008) (“[C]ourts have
2 inherent power to enforce compliance with their lawful orders through civil contempt.”) (quoting
3 *Shillitani v. United States*, 384 U.S. 364, 370 (1966)); *see also Desirous Parties Unlimited Inc. v.*
4 *Right Connection Inc.*, 2022 WL 17417857, at *2 (D. Nev. Dec. 5, 2022) (Navarro, D.J.), *aff'd*,
5 2023 WL 4285504 (9th Cir. June 30, 2023) (evaluating a motion to enforce a preliminary injunction
6 using the legal standards for civil contempt).
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8 Civil contempt “consists of a party’s disobedience to a specific and definite court order by
9 failure to take all reasonable steps within the party’s power to comply.” *In re Dual-Deck Video*
10 *Cassette Recorder Antitrust Litig.*, 10 F.3d 693, 695 (9th Cir. 1993). Aristocrat must prove that
11 L&W violated the Court’s Order by clear and convincing evidence—meaning evidence sufficient
12 to produce “an abiding conviction that the truth of its factual contentions are highly probable.”
13 *Desirous Parties Unlimited*, 2022 WL 17417857, at *2 (quoting *Sophanthavong v. Palmateer*, 378
14 F.3d 859, 866–67 (9th Cir. 2004) (cleaned up)).
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16 Substantial compliance is a defense to civil contempt. *See Balla v. Idaho State Bd. of Corr.*,
17 869 F.2d 461, 466 (9th Cir. 1989). Although contempt “need not be willful” and there is no good
18 faith excuse for non-compliance, a party “should not be held in contempt if his action ‘appears to
19 be based on a good faith and reasonable interpretation of the court’s order.’” *In re Dual-Deck Video*,
20 10 F.3d at 695 (citations omitted). Furthermore, as this Court has recognized in other cases, civil
21 contempt is inappropriate “where there is a fair ground of doubt as to the wrongfulness of the
22 defendant’s conduct.” *Desirous Parties Unlimited*, 2022 WL 17417857, at *2 (quoting *Taggart v.*
23 *Lorenzen*, 587 U.S. 554, 561 (2019)).
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25 Aristocrat is not entitled to relief for two reasons. First, L&W has substantially, if not fully,
26 complied with the Preliminary Injunction by removing Dragon Train units, conducting searches for
27 Plaintiffs’ trade secrets, and fully accounting for its review to Aristocrat. Second, even if the Court
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1 identifies deficiencies with L&W's compliance on the margins, it should still deny the motion
2 because L&W is actively updating its injunction compliance protocols as new facts emerge
3 throughout discovery. There is no reason to coerce compliance with an injunction with which L&W
4 is already complying.

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6 **I. L&W Has Complied With the Preliminary Injunction.**

7 L&W has complied with the injunction, and Aristocrat's arguments to the contrary lack
8 merit. L&W developed and implemented reasonable search protocols across an entire global
9 company to ensure its compliance with each part of the Order. L&W devised document search and
10 collection methods to identify and segregate files relating to Dragon Train, Dragon Link, and
11 Lightning Link. And it complied with the Preliminary Injunction's order to account for all
12 documents containing Plaintiffs' trade secrets and disclosures of those trade secrets.

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14 **A. L&W's Search Protocols Were Sufficient and Extended Beyond Dragon Train**

15 Aristocrat's contention that L&W insufficiently searched for non-Dragon Train documents
16 containing Plaintiffs' trade secrets is wrong for two reasons. First, L&W conducted an enterprise-
17 wide search of files using three terms specific to Aristocrat and framed around the Preliminary
18 Injunction. And second, contrary to Aristocrat's argument, keyword searches were the start, not
19 the extent, of a broad investigation for Plaintiffs' alleged trade secrets.

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21 **1. L&W Searched Its Servers for Plaintiffs' Alleged Trade Secrets**

22 To identify and segregate files containing Plaintiffs' alleged trade secrets, L&W not only
23 searched for all Dragon Train files, but it also searched for non-Dragon Train documents relating
24 to Aristocrat's Dragon Link and Lightning Link games, as the Preliminary Injunction required.
25 L&W deployed three Aristocrat-focused search terms—"Dragon Link," Lightning Link," and
26 "Golden Century"—as parts of its search across 25 servers and 47 files repositories in ten countries.
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28 *See* ECF Nos. 154-2 at 4; 155-2 at 3.

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1 L&W chose to use these Aristocrat search terms because the Preliminary Injunction
2 identified Dragon Link and Lightning Link as the sources of Plaintiffs' trade secrets that L&W
3 allegedly misappropriated. *See* ECF No. 125 at 1 (“[T]his case arises out of actions allegedly taken
4 by L&W to copy the underlying mathematical formulas of Aristocrat’s Dragon Link game in
5 L&W’s newer Dragon Train game.”). As discussed above, L&W could not conduct content-based
6 searches of all its files because it would be technologically and practically impossible unless L&W
7 indexed the company’s IT infrastructure.

9 But contrary to Aristocrat’s portrayal of these searches, they were not limited to “explicit”
10 mentions of the games. Mot. at 9. True, a file, folder, or drive would have to contain one of these
11 terms at some point in the file pathway for the search to identify it. But L&W did not stop there.
12 Once a search hit on a term, L&W identified and segregated not only the hit, but also other files
13 related to it. For example, if the search picked up a file with the name “Dragon Link,” L&W
14 accounted for and remediated that file. And if the hit was on a folder name, the search captured the
15 entire folder, all subfolders, and other affiliated documents within the same location, even if they
16 did not contain the search terms. *See* Vaughn Decl., at 2–3. So, Aristocrat’s argument that L&W’s
17 searches were limited to explicit mentions of Dragon Link is wrong from the start.

19 For the same reason, Aristocrat’s argument that these search terms were insufficient is
20 unavailing. Aristocrat claims that L&W’s use of only one title of the Aristocrat games—“Golden
21 Century”—was inadequate because Dragon Link and Lightning Link encompass many other titles.
22 Mot. at 10. As an initial matter, L&W focused on Golden Century because Aristocrat’s evidence at
23 the preliminary injunction stage purported to show that Emma Charles used math from that title, so
24 there is no basis for Aristocrat to argue that L&W cherrypicked this title over others. *See, e.g.*, ECF
25 No. 52 (Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunction) at 7–8.

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1 But Aristocrat's argument is doubly wrong because Aristocrat tries to point to documents
2 in L&W's *own accountings* to argue that L&W's search terms were deficient. Mot. at 10.
3 Specifically, Aristocrat argues the accounting shows documents with other titles, such as Genghis
4 Khan and Peacock Princess. Aristocrat overlooks the entire reason these documents appeared in
5 the accounting: L&W's searches identified them using the same keywords Aristocrat claims were
6 insufficient. As a result, L&W did not need to search for additional Dragon Link titles, because the
7 existing results reveal the terms L&W used were sufficient to capture information on other titles.

9 In any event, Aristocrat's complaints about L&W's usage of search terms for purposes of
10 injunction compliance leaves out a key fact: At no time did Aristocrat ever propose additional
11 search terms for injunction compliance, even though the parties have been meeting and conferring
12 on discovery search terms for months. It did not suggest additional terms after the October 23
13 accounting, after the November 6 accounting, or after L&W emphasized Aristocrat's failure to
14 suggest search terms during later discussions. See Swanson Decl., Ex. F at 1 (L&W Email: "At no
15 time since the issuance of the injunction order . . . has Aristocrat ever proposed any additional
16 terms."). In other words, despite continually claiming that "L&W searched wrong," at no point did
17 Aristocrat suggest specifically how L&W could have searched better. Perhaps this was because of
18 the broad nature of the alleged trade secrets proposed by Aristocrat and identified in the Order—
19 Aristocrat did not want L&W to focus down on specific math in complying with the Preliminary
20 Injunction, for fear this would later box in Aristocrat's misappropriation arguments.

23 Aristocrat's Motion now tries to exploit its own strategic choice. Aristocrat refused to define
24 its trade secrets with mathematical precision for purposes of injunction compliance, yet faults L&W
25 for not doing that work on behalf of Aristocrat. But Aristocrat can't have it both ways. To comply
26 with the injunction, L&W followed a broad-form approach of segregating all relevant Dragon Train
27 files, supplemented with specific searches for Aristocrat game-related content. If Aristocrat had a
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1 better search approach, it should have proposed one in the multiple meet and confers that preceded
2 this Motion. The parties then could have met and conferred and attempted to reach a solution, rather
3 than engage in this unnecessary motions practice.

4 **2. L&W Supplemented Its Search with Targeted Investigations.**

5 Aristocrat's complaint that L&W's keyword searches were insufficient also ignores the
6 multiple other steps L&W took to identify Plaintiffs' alleged trade secrets. Not only did L&W ask
7 employees firm-wide about where to identify potential Aristocrat trade secrets, it also specifically
8 targeted individuals and groups at L&W where information on those trade secrets were most likely
9 to be found. Using the information it gathered from these sources, L&W then took steps to find
10 other sources of Plaintiffs' alleged trade secrets that its keyword searches may not have identified.

11 To cast as wide a net as possible, L&W implemented several measures designed to canvass
12 as many relevant people as possible across the company. It conducted town hall meetings with its
13 employees to inform them about the litigation and the requirements of the Preliminary Injunction,
14 and to enlist their help in identifying potentially responsive files. *See* Swanson Decl., Ex. A at 1–
15 2. L&W also sent a questionnaire to over 1,000 employees to identify other potential locations of
16 Plaintiffs' alleged trade secrets. *See* ECF Nos. 155-2 at 4; Swanson Decl., Ex. B at 1–4. The
17 questionnaire asked whether employees had any exposure to Dragon Train math files and, if so,
18 where those documents could be located. *See* Swanson Decl., Ex. B at 1–4. L&W pursued those
19 leads to identify other locations where relevant information might be stored.⁵

20 Aristocrat balks at L&W's questionnaire because it was focused primarily on Dragon Train,
21 not Aristocrat's trade secrets. But asking employees about Dragon Train is a logical first step in
22 identifying the locations of potentially relevant *non*-Dragon Train documents that were used in its

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27 ⁵ In any event, for employees who answered "yes" to earlier questions—suggesting they were likely
28 to have relevant information— L&W's questionnaire included additional questions requesting
information specific to Emma Charles and Aristocrat's Dragon Link and Lightning Link games.
See Swanson Decl., Ex. B at 4.

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1 development. The district court held that Aristocrat was likely to succeed in showing that “L&W
2 misappropriated Aristocrat’s trade secrets *in its development of Dragon Train*.” ECF No. 125 at 16
3 (emphasis added). As a result, L&W asked its employees whether they worked on Dragon Train so
4 that it could identify locations where the math files L&W allegedly used in developing Dragon
5 Train were located. Moreover, the alternative to asking employees about Dragon Train would have
6 been asking them whether they knew where to find “Aristocrat’s trade secrets” on company servers.
7 That would have been a futile exercise because such a request—without providing the trade secrets
8 themselves—would not communicate to employees what to look for. Presumably Aristocrat did
9 not want L&W to send a communication to all its employees informing them of Aristocrat’s
10 purported mathematical secrets.
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12 Aristocrat also overlooks the range of tailored investigations L&W undertook to identify
13 Plaintiffs’ trade secrets. For example, L&W’s efforts broadly considered Star Studio, the group that
14 developed Dragon Train and that was led by Emma Charles, the former Aristocrat employee who
15 allegedly stole the trade secrets at issue. Vaughn Decl., at 3. L&W retained a vendor in Australia
16 to forensically image all Star Studio devices, collected all Star Studio custodian’s files, and then
17 had counsel *manually* review all relevant files for both injunction compliance and discovery in
18 general. *See id.* at 3.
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20 L&W conducted these searches regardless of whether files were identified by search terms,
21 and it gathered information from relevant employees about where on the servers other instances of
22 Plaintiffs’ trade secrets might exist. *See id.* Team managers, business team members, and other
23 employees provided L&W and its injunction compliance with leads, and L&W ran them down.
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25 As a result, there is no basis for Aristocrat to claim that L&W focused its search on Dragon
26 Train documents to the exclusion of other files that could contain Plaintiffs’ trade secrets. L&W
27 not only searched files associated with Aristocrat’s Dragon Link and Lightning Link games, but it
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1 also diligently supplemented these searches with far-reaching investigations across the company,
2 as well as manual review of the most relevant repositories, to identify documents not picked up by
3 these searches.

4 **B. L&W Provided Detailed Accountings As Required by the Order**

5 Aristocrat's contention that L&W's accounting of disclosures was insufficient is similarly
6 contradicted by the facts. L&W provided an accounting showing all of L&W's disclosures of
7 Plaintiffs' trade secrets outside the company. The fact that the list is limited reflects that L&W does
8 not routinely share confidential math models outside of the company, not that L&W provided a
9 poor accounting. L&W also avoided duplicating effort—to save both L&W and Aristocrat time—
10 by omitting internal instances of sharing or viewing Plaintiffs' alleged trade secrets from the
11 disclosure accounting, because those entries were already provided in the separate accounting
12 showing where L&W found Plaintiffs' trade secrets in its files. Furthermore, Aristocrat's
13 incredulity at the lack of verbal disclosures is misplaced. L&W avoids discussing game math with
14 others as a general matter, plus the alleged trade secrets at issue here are, by nature, difficult to
15 communicate verbally.
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18 According to Aristocrat, L&W's limited identification of disclosures in its accounting must
19 mean that L&W has failed to adequately search and identify these disclosures. But as L&W has
20 previously explained to Aristocrat, L&W's accountings of disclosures represent the extent of
21 disclosures the company has identified. *See* Swanson Decl., Ex. K at 3. To the extent that Aristocrat
22 complains that L&W did not separately include all instances of internal communication regarding
23 Plaintiffs' trade secrets on its disclosure accounting, that argument also misses the mark. All of
24 these instances are already identified in L&W's detailed accounting regarding its search efforts. As
25 a result, it would have been duplicative to separately account for them in the accounting of
26 disclosures. L&W has told Aristocrat that its accountings still collectively identify these documents,
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1 but because they do not constitute disclosures outside the company, they are not all separately
2 identified in its accounting of disclosures. *See* Swanson Decl., Ex. F at 3. Moreover,
3 communications between L&W employees would not constitute disclosures under trade secret law
4 because the information is not being disclosed to third parties. *See, e.g., MedioStream, Inc. v.*
5 *Microsoft Corp.*, 869 F. Supp. 2d 1095, 1113 (N.D. Cal. 2012) (noting that the California Uniform
6 Trade Secrets Act requires showing that “the defendant either used the trade secret or disclosed it
7 to a third party.”) (emphasis added).

9 Next, Aristocrat complains about the lack of verbal disclosures in L&W’s accounting. To
10 the best of L&W’s knowledge, there have been *no* verbal disclosures of Aristocrat’s trade secrets.
11 Aristocrat is unwilling to accept this answer. But consider the nature of Plaintiffs’ alleged trade
12 secrets. The values in a weight table, distribution of prizes, and arrangement of statistical
13 spreadsheets are not the sorts of trade secrets that can be easily communicated verbally. The fact
14 that L&W has not identified any verbal disclosures is consistent with the fact there were none. And
15 if L&W ever identifies a verbal disclosure, it will supplement its accounting, REDACTED
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18 Finally, Aristocrat unfairly claims that this Court cannot credit any representations by L&W
19 that it has furnished all relevant disclosures because it previously represented it had not identified
20 documents that later came to light. Aristocrat is right that L&W argued earlier in the case that it
21 had not identified any Aristocrat files in its possession or control. But Aristocrat is wrong that
22 L&W’s representations hamper its credibility. L&W conducted a detailed investigation and made
23 representations based on facts that it believed to be true. Upon learning that some of its employees
24 had misrepresented these facts, L&W took steps to correct them. *See* ECF No. 169 (Notice of
25 Withdrawal of Declarations of Emma Charles and William Soo). Accordingly, there is no basis to
26 suggest that L&W’s representations cannot be credited.
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II. Even if the Court Finds L&W Did Not Guarantee It Found Every Last Possible Document, Discovery Is Ongoing and Sufficient to Address Aristocrat's Concerns.

This Court should deny Aristocrat's motion because, even if a few documents fell through the cracks, there is no basis to coerce L&W into compliance because it is already working to comply. As described above, REDACTED

As a result, L&W's own efforts obviate this Court's intervention.

The fact that L&W discovered these files in its discovery document review, but not in its preliminary injunction compliance, is a result of the different nature of these searches. Discovery is ongoing in this complex case, and L&W continues to review documents that may be responsive to Aristocrat's requests. Discovery is broader than injunction compliance by nature. Here, the Preliminary Injunction focused on Plaintiffs' alleged trade secrets, defined in relation to Dragon Link and Lightning Link. Working with the tools available to them—and facing a tight deadline—Plaintiffs worked with an army of IT specialists, internal and external to the company, to capture all documents reflected in the order.

Discovery, on the other hand, is subject to different parameters and search capabilities. As discussed above, L&W is unable to conduct keyword searches of the contents of all of its files on an enterprise level because it does not have the technological capabilities to run these searches. However, L&W is able to—and has been—applying to individual custodial locations complex keyword search strings identified by Aristocrat as part of the discovery process. REDACTED

That L&W found this document through a separate process and

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1 brought it to L&W's attention is a testament to L&W's commitment to injunction compliance and
2 the discovery process's usefulness at identifying documents that may fall through the cracks of a
3 process that has already captured in excess of 35 to 40 terabytes of files. *See Vaughn Decl.*, at 3.

4 Because L&W is already taking steps to supplement its injunction compliance as new facts
5 emerge, Aristocrat does not need an order from this Court to "coerce" it into doing so. *Shell*
6 *Offshore Inc. v. Greenpeace, Inc.*, 815 F.3d 623, 629 (9th Cir. 2016) (quoting *United States v.*
7 *United Mine Workers of Am.*, 330 U.S. 258, 303–04 (1947)); *see id.* (noting civil contempt's aim
8 on "coerc[ing] the defendant into compliance with the court's order"). In any event, discovery
9 provides Aristocrat a menu of tools to ensure compliance itself. It may serve L&W with
10 interrogatories or requests for admissions. Or it may use depositions to gather additional
11 information from L&W. *See Pyro Spectaculars N., Inc. v. Souza*, 861 F. Supp. 2d 1079, 1098 (E.D.
12 Cal. 2012) (declining to appoint a special master to monitor injunction compliance because "[t]he
13 discovery process in civil litigation is quite often a sufficient way to monitor non-compliance").
14 Aristocrat "has access to substantial discovery tools that will allow Plaintiff[s] to assess
15 Defendants' compliance." *Exel N. Am., Inc. v. Integrated Dispense Sols. LLC*, 2015 WL 163990,
16 at *2 (E.D. Mich. Jan. 13, 2015). If Aristocrat identifies specific areas of deficiency in L&W's
17 injunction compliance, L&W will adjust its protocols as necessary. L&W's willingness to do so is
18 clear from the fact L&W has already done so based on facts it discovered itself.

19 As a result, there is no basis to grant Aristocrat's motion. L&W has not only already
20 complied with the Preliminary Injunction, but it continues to comply as new facts emerge through
21 its own diligence. At the very least, Defendants are in substantial compliance with this Court's
22 order and are taking steps to cure any outstanding issues. For the same reasons, Aristocrat is not
23 entitled to fees and costs because L&W is not in contempt.

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CONCLUSION

L&W respectfully requests that the Court deny Aristocrat's motion to enforce the preliminary injunction and deny Aristocrat's request for fees and costs incurred in connection with enforcing the injunction.

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